

TALLOONS WITH LINING.

Used to Be Worn But Are Never
Heard Of in These
Days.

An old clothing merchant in Chicago, whose sons have been his successors for many years, was in the store the other day for the first time in seven years, reports the Tribune.

"I suppose you have no pantaloons with lining," he said to his eldest boy, who replied that he had never heard of such a thing.

"We used to keep them in stock," continued the father. "As a rule I think most pantaloons with lining were home-made. Your mother made the first I ever saw, and I wore 'em. I think the lining was of some sort of cambric. But there were a few of my old customers who bought ready-made clothes of me, many years ago, and they insisted that their pantaloons should be lined. They had an idea that lining made the fit better. But the tailors I employed hated the work, and always charged more for putting in the lining."

"One of my customers, who wouldn't live long if he had to wear ready-made clothes now, took a fancy to a pair of unlined pantaloons, but refused to make the purchase unless I had lining put in. That was in 1850. My tailor said he never heard of such a thing, but I insisted. He had to take the pantaloons apart—unstitch the seams and then put in the lining. It took him over a week to do the job. The customer got mad in waiting and refused to take the pantaloons. I sued him and got judgment, and he wouldn't speak to me for over a year. I saw him pass the house last week riding with his grandchildren in an automobile. I suppose he would have got hot if I had reminded him of the time when he wore lined pantaloons, and he had straps to them besides, so as to keep them in shape. I remember when a man who didn't wear straps to his pantaloons was not considered well dressed, and that was right here in Chicago."

DISCOVERY OF OXYGEN.

This Name Perpetuates an Error Said to Have Been Made by Noted Chemist.

It was 127 years on the 1st of August since Joseph Priestley discovered oxygen. He called it dephlogisticated air. Scheele, who separated it about the same time, empyreal air; while Condorcet, more happily than either, suggested vital air. Lavoisier named it oxygen—literally the acid maker—and in so doing perpetuated an error, says London Express.

It is not oxygen that is the essential element in the formation of acids, but hydrogen, so called because it helps to form water. The early chemists would have had the same better if they had interchanged the designations; for oxygen constitutes the great bulk of water, and hydrogen is a constituent of all acids. What's in a name in this case is a chemical misrepresentation. Priestley little knew how wide was the range of the element he had found. Oxygen forms one-fifth of the atmosphere, eight-ninths of the waters, and, taking altogether, one-half of all the materials of the globe, so far as they are known. As carbon is the basis of all the organic substance of the world, so oxygen, the supporter of life and combustion, represents its living energies.

MARKED SALMON RETURN.

Many of the Fish Come Back to Their Spawning Ground Every Fourth Year.

A. C. Little, state fish commissioner, is commencing to get results from scientific experiments conducted during the last four years, with the object of ascertaining what proportion of young salmon turned out by the state fish hatcheries return every fourth year to their spawning grounds. He has procured numerous fish tails from the Columbia river fishermen which bear certain marks placed upon them before the fish were set loose at the Kalama hatchery. These fish are spawn of the salmon caught in 1897, and are, therefore, four years old. None of the tails were obtained in previous years, again proving that salmon return only every fourth year, says the San Francisco Call.

The fact that the run of salmon on the Columbia river has been unexpectedly large this year is believed to have been due almost entirely to the great number of fish turned out by the Washington hatcheries on streams tributary to the Columbia. Several of these hatcheries have not been established long enough to get direct returns in the form of marked tails.

Tall Telegraph Poles in Texas. Beaumont, Tex., is noted not only for its oil, but the tallest telegraph poles in the United States. The tops are 150 feet above the ground. They were erected on the opposite banks of the Neches river by the Western Union Telegraph company in order to string its cable across the stream. The span is 144 feet in length. This height is necessary to admit the passage of ships through a drawbridge, their masts being 100 feet tall and more.

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